

SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, DOCTORAL MINOR

The Option A minor in Second Language Acquisition (SLA) offers graduate students both a theoretical and a practical background in the increasingly important area of SLA. After completing the minor, students will be prepared to understand research in SLA and to develop teaching curricula based on principles of second language learning and teaching.

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Students wishing to minor in Second Language Acquisition (SLA) should first contact the relevant SLA committee member (<http://sla.wisc.edu/people/faculty/>) in their department who will refer them to the SLA minor advisor. Students declaring the doctoral minor are required to meet with the minor advisor, before registering for courses.

Students without a background in linguistics and language pedagogy are encouraged to complete introductory linguistics and teaching methodology courses before starting the doctoral minor.

All Graduate School students must utilize the Graduate Student Portal in MyUW to add, change, or discontinue any doctoral minor. To apply to this minor, log in to MyUW, click on Graduate Student Portal, and then click on Add/Change Programs. Select the information for the doctoral minor for which you are applying.

REQUIREMENTS

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Code	Title	Credits
Students must complete one of the following courses.		
ENGL 318	Second Language Acquisition	3
or CURRIC 673	Learning Second Language and Literacies	
Electives		6
Students must complete two courses from the "Approved Second Language Acquisition (SLA) Course List"		
Total Credits		9

APPROVED SLA COURSE LIST

Code	Title	Credits
African Cultural Studies		
AFRICAN 670	Theories and Methods of Learning a Less Commonly Taught Language	2
AFRICAN 703	Topics in Teaching African Languages	1
Asian Languages and Cultures		
ASIAN 632	Studies in Chinese Linguistics ¹	3
ASIAN 633	Chinese Applied Linguistics ¹	3
ASIAN 775	Japanese Applied Linguistics ¹	3

Curriculum and Instruction

CURRIC 673	Learning Second Language and Literacies	1-6
CURRIC 674	Advanced Methods in Teaching English as a Second Language	3-6
CURRIC 675	General Seminar ¹	1-3
CURRIC 743	²	
CURRIC 802	Discourse Analysis	3
CURRIC 964	Seminar in World Language Education	1-3
CURRIC 975	General Seminar ²	2-3

English

ENGL 414	Global Spread of English ³	3
ENGL 420	Topics in English Language and Linguistics	3
ENGL 703	Research Methods in Composition Studies	3
ENGL/SOC 710	Interaction Analysis: Talk as Social Organization	3
ENGL 711	Research Methods in Applied Linguistics	3
ENGL 713	Topics in Contemporary English Linguistics ¹	3
ENGL 715	Advanced Second Language Acquisition	3
ENGL 905	Seminar-Topics in Applied English Linguistics ¹	3

French and Italian

FRENCH/ITALIAN 821	Issues in Methods of Teaching French and Italian ^{1,2}	1-3
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German

GERMAN 727	Topics in Applied Linguistics ¹	3
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Spanish

Note: Spanish courses are generally offered in Spanish; contact instructor

SPANISH 630	Topics in Hispanic Linguistics ¹	3
SPANISH 815	Seminar in Language: Modern Spanish ¹	3

¹ Topics courses. Students should see the Second Language Acquisition doctoral minor advisor for approval of topics appropriate for the minor.

² Courses must be taken for a total of three credits, in one or multiple enrollments.

³ Second Language Acquisition advisor consent required.

PRIOR COURSEWORK

Students may transfer up to three credits from prior graduate work toward the minor, upon approval.

PEOPLE

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SLA Steering Committee: The interdisciplinary SLA Steering Committee (<https://sla.wisc.edu/steering-committee-members/>) is comprised of members from the units listed below.

African Cultural Studies: Professor Katrina Thompson

Asian Languages and Cultures: Associate Professor Naomi Geyer, Associate Professor Byung-Jin Lim and Professor Junko Mori

Curriculum and Instruction: Professor Margaret Hawkins, Associate Professor Mariana Pacheco, Assistant Professor Diego Roman, Professor Francois Tochon and Professor Kate Vieira

English: Assistant Professor Jacee Cho

French and Italian: Associate Professor Heather Allen

German, Nordic, and Slavic: Professor Monika Chavez and Professor Karen Evans-Romaine

Language Institute: Director Dianna Murphy

Spanish and Portuguese: Associate Professor Cathy Stafford

Staff: Kristin Dalby (Graduate Coordinator) and Skender Jahiu (Financial and Payroll Specialist)